

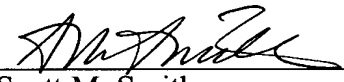
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed together with a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/557,950 filed April 24, 2000. Applicant has canceled claims 1-18 and added new claims 19-26. Examination of the pending claims at the Examiner's earliest convenience is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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